Weekly Column for August 4, 2005

Here we are already, into the month of August. Hey kids, it's almost time to go back to school. It's amazing how quickly time flies during the summer.

I want to write about two events coming up in two weeks; just in an effort to make sure you all have enough time to put it on your schedule. Coming up on August 19<sup>th</sup> is the 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Mayor's Cup at Frear Park Golf Course.

For the second consecutive year the Frear Park Conservancy will be the beneficiary of proceeds raised from the Mayor's Cup tournament. This group has done a wonderful job over the past few years in improving different areas of the park. Many of the new beautiful flowerbeds throughout the park are the result of the conservancy, as are many tree plantings, continued work on the water fountain, and the memorial tree and bench program.

We are looking for a record number of participants for this year's tournament, and I sincerely hope you will join us and see for yourself all of the positive changes that have taken place at Frear Park over the past two years. Tee-off for this year's event will be at 9 a.m. sharp, and the tournament will be a two-man scramble. So find a ringer and come play golf in Troy for a terrific cause.

The cost of the tournament is \$75 per person. You can sign up by calling Bob Barnes and Larry Riley at 270-4553 between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.

A day after the Mayor's Cup Tournament is Troy Day at the Races in Saratoga. For the second consecutive year, the City of Troy will have a stakes race named after it. As an exciting addition this year, the race will be held on Alabama Saturday as the second featured race of the day. This is a great opportunity for the City of Troy to get its name out there to the thousands of people who visit the track each day, particularly on such a historically busy race day.

So please mark your calendars for both days, August  $19^{th}$  and  $20^{th}$  as Troy once again takes center stage in the Capital District.

Have a great weekend!

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